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SUBJ: TRANSPORT MINISTER'S COMMENTS ON SHARM EL-SHEIKH

1. TRANSPORT MINISTER YAACOB, ADDRESSING NEWSMEN DURING SINAI TOUR AUGUST 21, REPORTEDLY SAID THAT SHARM EL-SHEIKH WOULD REMAIN UNDER ISRAELI RULE "FOR ALL TIME". YAACOB WENT ON TO SAY THAT MAIN PROBLEM FACING TOWN, TO WHICH ISRAELIS HAVE GIVEN NAME OF OPHIRA, IS NOT ITS POLITICAL FUTURE BUT HOW TO DEVELOP THE AREA QUICKLY AND EXTENSIVELY.

2. IN A STOPOVER AT SANTA KATERINA IN SOUTH-CENTRAL SINAI, YAACOB REPORTEDLY SAID THAT, ALTHOUGH POLITICAL FUTURE OF AREA WAS NOT AS CLEAR CUT AS SHARM EL-SHEIKH, GOI WOULD BEGIN WORK ON NEW PERMANENT AIRPORT TERMINAL WITHIN MONTH AT ANTICIPATED COST OF IL 1.5 MILLION.

3. COMMENT. YAACOB IS MEMBER OF HARDLINE RAFI FACTION OF LABOR PARTY. HIS VIEWS ON SHARM EL-SHEIKH ARE NOT NEW, NOR SHOULD THEY BE CONSIDERED AS NECESSARILY REPRESENTING GOI POLICY.

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